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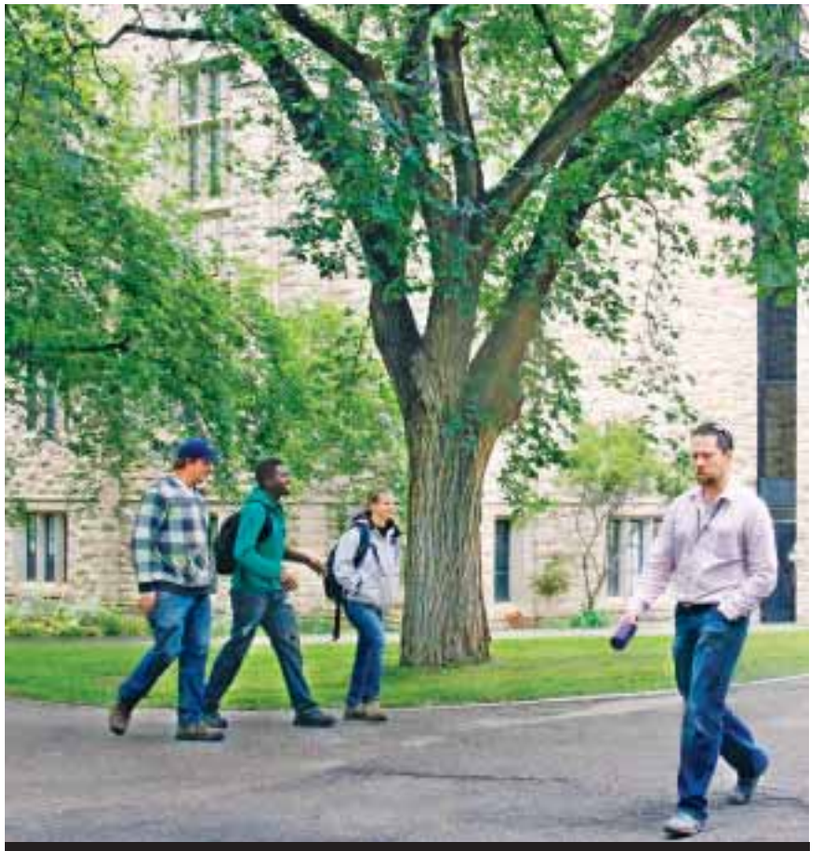

With the University of Saskatchewan dealing with ongoing budgetary issues, an internal memo was sent out on Aug. 6, giving the total number of employee layoffs to date.

JACOB MORGAN/METRO

Uncertainty reigns as U of S grapples with fiscal deficit

Cuts. There is much confusion among staff members and the atmosphere is tense, according to one U of S professor

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Faculty and students at the University of Saskatchewan received a memo this week notifying the campus that since November, 248 filled and vacant positions had been eliminated.

The document, which was issued by the university's human resources department, stated that the downsizing amounted to $8.5 million in savings, and it is not expected for "any future campus-wide workforce adjustments to be of this magnitude."

However, there are more cuts to come, according to professor Robert Tyler.

Tyler is the co-chair of the Support Service Transformation Task Force, which functions alongside the Academic Program Transformation Task Force to prioritize the importance of certain sectors to the institution.

He said work would continue into the fall as only a fraction of the deficit has been addressed.

"If we did nothing we would have had an operating budget deficit of $44.5 million by the end of 2015-16," said Tyler.

"We've closed that gap by about one third — by about $15 million already — but we still have to find another $30 million somewhere in the operating budget."

There is much uncertainty among staff members, he added, and the atmosphere is tense.

"A lot of people have lost colleagues they've worked with for many years," he said. "Morale is not good at the moment."

While the school did receive a two per cent increase in funding from the province this year, the figure is less than what they've become accustomed to.

"The current economic reality is that we can't have the sorts of increases over the next few years that we've enjoyed in the past," Tyler said. "Our expenses are on one trajectory and our revenues are on a different trajectory. We have to get those into alignment."

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Problems at downtown corner drop after restaurants close

22nd Street East and 2nd Avenue North.
Notorious area sees 'drastic decrease' in calls to city after closures

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Saskatoon's Community Support Officers are seeing a "drastic decrease," in the number of calls they are receiving concerning a problematic corner in downtown Saskatoon.

The corner, located at the intersection of 22nd Street East and 2nd Avenue North, became a point of discussion after the city's planning and operations committee vetoed a $40,000 plan to remove several streetscaping features city officials say may have been attracting inappropriate and unwanted behaviour.

However, shortly after the plan was axed, two restaurants at the corner, a McDonald's and the Olympia Restaurant, closed their doors.

Lesley Prefontaine, a supervisor with the CSO explained since then, they've been spending a lot less time in the area and while it's hard to tie the decrease directly to the closure of the two businesses, it may have been a factor as a number of calls came from business operators and employees.

"It's difficult to say for sure, but have we seen improvements — so far, yes," said Prefontaine. "Certainly there has been a decrease in calls, but we're still patrolling the area as usual and we'll continue to do that," she added later.

Prefontaine explained the decrease at the corner of 22nd Street East and 2nd Avenue North has been positive, as it's enabled the CSO to "move and spread out our resources a little better."

Due to confidentiality reasons, Prefontaine said she couldn't release the amount of calls coming from the area before and after the businesses closed.

Calls made to the Saskatoon Police Service were not returned by deadline.

Lesley Prefontaine, a supervisor with Saskatoon's Community Support Officers says they've seen a substantial decrease in the amount of calls concerning a problematic corner located at the intersection of 22nd Street East and 2nd Avenue North in downtown Saskatoon. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Playland set to open at Kinsmen Park in 2015

Saskatoon Mayor, Don Atchison, left, points out some of the new features of the future PotashCorp Playland to PotashCorp CEO and president Bill Doyle on Wednesday. METRO

Saskatoon residents are set to have a new place to play by 2015.

Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan announced Wednesday that it would be contributing an additional $2.5 million to their initial 2010 contribution of $5 million, to support plans for a play area at Kinsmen Park.

The Potash Corp Playland will feature a new electric train and track, a rides garden, which includes a ferris wheel and a refurbished carousel, a children's play area and water feature.

Saskatoon Mayor Don Atchison said he feels the contribution from PotashCorp will go a long way in terms of benefiting Saskatoon residents.

"Really this is all about bringing families together," said Atchison. "Not all families can afford to go away on holidays, not all families can afford to go to amusement parks, but here in Saskatoon there are a few wonderful rides at really reasonable prices."

PotashCorp's original contribution of $5 million allowed the city to pursue a long-term plan for rejuvenation of the city's oldest park, with the Kinsmen Park and Area Master Plan approved by council in December of 2011.

Bill Doyle, president and CEO of PotashCorp, said PotashCorp believes in trying to enhance quality of life in its communities.

"We just want to do this park right," said Doyle. "Sometimes in life, you only get a chance to things right once, so we're going to do it right and make sure everyone is proud of it."

The PotashCorp Playland at Kinsmen Park is expected to open to the public in spring of 2015.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Southeast Saskatchewan

Chief sentenced to 9 months for sex assault of teen

The chief of a small reserve in southeastern Saskatchewan has been sentenced to nine months in jail for sexually assaulting a teenaged girl.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/CJLR

Labour dispute

New act will drive down wages for firefighters: Assoc.

The organization that represents Saskatchewan firefighters is burned up about new provincial employment legislation.

The Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association says the Employment Act passed in the spring will drive down the wages of some of its members.

Association president Kirby Benning says Bill 85 takes away the possibility of binding arbitration for firefighters in cities with a population less than 20,000.

Under previous legislation the rule applied to communities with less than 10,000 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CJWW

Damage control

Russian rival's exit from potash cartel not big threat: CEO

The CEO of PotashCorp says he doesn't see a Russian rival's exit from a European potash cartel as a big threat.

Bill Doyle says spats like the one between Uralkali and Belarusian Potash Company last week have happened before — though perhaps not as publicly.

He says logic dictates that the two will mend fences sooner rather than later.

Doyle also says no one company determines the price of potash, so he doesn't give much credence to concerns Uralkali's move could cause prices of the crop nutrient to drop 25 per cent.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Concerning' shortage

Blood Services falls into the red

Fewer Canadians have donated blood this summer, which has led to a "concerning" shortage that has prompted the Canadian Blood Services to draw on its national reserves, the charity said Wednesday.

More than 50,000 donations are needed between now and Labour Day to meet constant demand from hospitals and keep blood inventories at acceptable levels, the group said.

A spokeswoman for the group said the summer is usually "the biggest challenge of the year" partly because many of their regular donors are travelling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Didn't cost a nickel

Baby beaver flies to its new lodge

An orphaned baby beaver who was found on a trail in rural Manitoba was being flown to its new home in Ontario Wednesday.

The beaver has been named President, in honour of President Air Charter, which volunteered to fly the pup from Winnipeg to Peterborough so the animal could be rehabilitated.

The Aspen Valley Rehabilitation Sanctuary, which already houses seven beaver cubs, said its current residents would provide much-needed companionship for the new arrival. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rehtaeh Parsons

Cyberbullying law enacted in N.S.

Time will tell if new cyberbullying legislation in Nova Scotia will protect young people from their online tormenters, the father of Rehtaeh Parsons said Wednesday as the law came into effect.

"It's only going to be as good as the people enforcing it," said Glen Canning in an interview.

The Cyber-Safety Act allows people to sue if they or their children are being cyberbullied. Victims can also seek a protection order that could place restrictions on or help identify the cyberbully.

In the case of a lawsuit, parents of cyberbullies could be held liable for damages if the aggressor is a minor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

End of DOMA saves Canucks in the U.S.

Defense of Marriage Act. News that change applies to foreign gay couples a true godsend

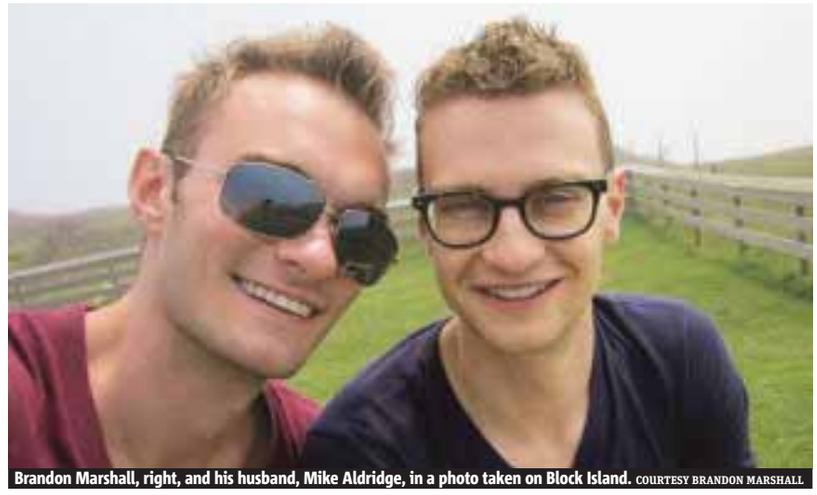
JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

On Friday, the U.S. secretary of state announced life-changing implications to thousands of Canadians: the end of the Defense of Marriage Act applies to all married same-sex couples, not just American citizens.

For Canadians like Brandon Marshall and his husband Mike Aldridge, the death of DOMA was fantastic news — but after the initial celebration they were left with a few questions.

"We were just really over the Moon. It had such a big, direct implication for us," said Marshall. "But there was still a little bit of confusion as to what exactly it meant for us.... We weren't sure if it was just for U.S. citizens trying to sponsor their partners."

Marshall is an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology at Brown University's School of Public Health. Aldridge is able to stay in the U.S. for now as he studies for a Masters of Health Science as a radiology assistant.



Brandon Marshall, right, and his husband, Mike Aldridge, in a photo taken on Block Island. COURTESY BRANDON MARSHALL

Respect here and there

"It's just wonderful to have our marriage fully recognized. It's not to say we'll live here forever ... but to have these opportunities afforded to us like any other couple is wonderful." Brandon Marshall

Marshall has now started applying for a green card based on his tenure-track position with Brown. If it is approved, Aldridge will get a green card like any another spouse.

And that changes everything for them.

Since Marshall began post-doctoral studies in the U.S., they've had a difficult time finding ways to be together.

Aldridge could only stay in the U.S. for six months on a tourist visa. Going back to school would only be a temporary fix: even after he graduates, getting a work-based visa in his field would have been a challenge.

"It was looking pretty bleak," said Marshall. "Having DOMA repealed allows us to have longer-term options and plans on the table now."

For Aldridge, DOMA meant he couldn't work. Every time they crossed the border, guards had the discretion to re-evaluate his visa. They always worried he would be denied.

"To have your marriage ... not count is so disheartening and frustrating, to be treated differently at that moment," he said.

'Offensive.' Women's lobby scolds Baird over defence of gay rights

A conservative women's group has slammed Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird for defending gay rights on the world stage, saying his views are at odds with Canadian values and even his own party.

In a news release Wednesday, REAL Women of Canada said the minister has abused his post "to further his own perspective on homosexuality."

"It really is offensive," Gwendolyn Landolt, national vice-president of REAL Women, said in an interview. "The issue is really why is he interfering in a sovereign country?

"I don't want other countries to get what we have here where people's religious values and traditional values are being pushed aside and giving homosexuals priority."

Their criticism is linked to Baird's defence of same-sex rights in places such as Uganda and recently Russia, which is under fire for a new law that outlaws gay rallies and the use of the media and Internet to promote gay causes.

Baird revealed last week that Canada has been working for months trying to convince Russia not to implement the law. In an interview with The Canadian Press, Baird said the "mean-spirited and hateful law" is an "incitement to intolerance." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$55,000 loan puts embattled senator under more scrutiny

An Ottawa businessman's $55,000 loan to Sen. Mac Harb is raising fresh questions in the Senate ethics scandal.

The Mounties are already looking into Harb's questionable housing claims, but new information has emerged that could land the beleaguered senator — formerly a member of the Liberal caucus — in more hot water.

Brian Karam, an Ottawa lawyer who has for years done business with the federal government, was behind the loan, documents obtained by The Canadian Press show.

The Criminal Code states that government officials cannot accept an "advantage or benefit" of money from someone who deals with the federal government without first getting written permission.

That is one of the reasons the RCMP is investigating Harb's Senate colleague Mike Duffy, who accepted $90,000 from Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff to cover his own improper housing claims.

The Senate refuses to say if Harb sought or was granted permission before accepting the loan.

Follow the money

"When a politician is receiving loans from numbered companies, that raises many, many questions."
NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus

"This is private information," said a terse email from Senate spokeswoman Annie Joannette. She directed questions to Harb's office, but those queries have gone unanswered.

The RCMP was also keeping tight-lipped. "We're not in a position to comment on the matter," spokeswoman Cpl. Lucy Shorey wrote in an email Wednesday.

Property records show Harb accepted a $55,000 loan from a numbered company on May 17. The senator filed an updated disclosure statement to the Senate ethics officer on June 12, indicating he owed an unspecified amount to 1202864 Ontario Ltd.

Corporate documents show Karam is the sole owner of the company.

Documents also show Karam is the president and a director of another numbered company, 595799 Ontario Ltd. That company operates as The Business Inn, a hotel in downtown Ottawa that caters to long-term stays.

Public records show the federal government has awarded The Business Inn more than $9 million in contracts since 2009. The most recent contract, worth $1.87 million, runs until the end of this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Autopsy report. N.B. brothers killed by python died of asphyxiation

The two boys killed by an African rock python in Campbellton, N.B., died from asphyxiation, say preliminary results of autopsies released by the RCMP.

The Mounties said a pathologist came to that conclusion after completing the autopsies on four-year-old Noah Barthe and his six-year-old brother Connor.

"While we now have some preliminary information, investigators still have to wait for other test results to come back and for the final report," Sgt. Alain Tremblay said in a statement Wednesday.

"We recognize that this has touched the hearts of people across the world and that people want to know how this could have happened. Our investigators are looking at all aspects of this tragic incident, and that will take some time."

Noah and Connor Barthe
FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tremblay said the necropsy on the snake shows that it was in overall good health but they are still waiting for a final report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sochi Olympics. IOC, Russia feeling pressure over anti-LGBT law

With the Sochi Olympics just six months away, U.S. President Barack Obama and Stephen Fry have increased attention on Russia over its new anti-gay law.

The law, which was signed by President Vladimir Putin in June, bans "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations."

Obama cancelled a September meeting in the city with Putin in a rebuke over Russia's harbouring of NSA leaker Edward Snowden, having also said in an interview hours earlier that he had "no patience" with countries which discriminate against gay people.

Fry, the British author and actor, went further in an open letter to British Prime Minister David Cameron and IOC President Jacques Rogge, comparing Putin's "barbaric, fascist law" to persecution of Jewish people in Nazi Germany, and calling for "an absolute ban" of the Games.

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"Putin cannot be seen to have the approval of the civilized world."

Author and actor Stephen Fry, in an open letter to U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron and IOC President Jacques Rogge.

British Columbia

Illegal dental practice shut down; patients told to get tested

A man who allegedly practised dentistry illegally from a Burnaby bedroom has disappeared after authorities seized his equipment, including drills and syringes that were not sanitized.

Former patients of Tung Sheng Wu should get tested for hepatitis and HIV, the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. and the Fraser Health Authority announced Wednesday.

Authorities were alerted to Wu's practice after a woman complained about her treatment this year. The college hired an investigator, leading to the seizure of equipment on May 29.

Wu is not a registered dentist and may have reused needles and contaminated materials. There was a "gross lack of basic hygiene in the premises," Dr. Michelle Murti said.

EMILY JACKSON/ METRO IN VANCOUVER

Ariel Castro's Cleveland nightmare house destroyed

The home where three women were held captive and raped for more than a decade is torn down in Cleveland on Wednesday. Authorities said they wanted to make sure the rubble isn't sold online as "murderabilia" — mementos from a murder scene. Ariel Castro, 53, was sentenced last week to life in prison plus 1,000 years after pleading guilty to 937 counts including aggravated murder, kidnapping, rape and assault.

MARVIN FONG/THE PLAIN DEALER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MM&A Railway files for Chapter 11

Lac-Mégantic disaster. Company chairman says bankruptcy-protection filings in Canada, U.S. a 'direct result of the tragic derailment'

The embattled railroad at the centre of the deadly Quebec train derailment has filed for bankruptcy protection.

The Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway says it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Wednesday in the U.S.

It also said its sister company in Canada — Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co. — simultaneously filed a petition in Quebec Superior Court in Montreal seeking relief under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, a step that would protect it from creditors.

"It has become apparent that the obligations of both companies now exceed the value of their assets, including prospective insurance recoveries, as a direct result of the tragic derailment at Lac-Mégantic," Ed Burkhardt, chairman of both companies, said.

"A process under Chapter 11 and the CCAA is the best way to ensure fairness of treatment to all in these tragic circumstances."

The Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, whose train caused the deadly crash in Lac-Mégantic, Que., has filed for bankruptcy protection.
RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Burkhardt had said a bankruptcy filing was likely because of service disruptions on its rail line that crosses through Lac-Mégantic, where the downtown core was wiped out by the fiery crash and subsequent explosions that killed 47 people on July 6.

The company also faces lawsuits and enormous cleanup costs following the disaster.

The town and the Quebec government have sent legal notices to the Maine-based railway, demanding that it reimburse Lac-Mégantic nearly $8 million in environmental mop-up costs.

"MMA wishes to continue to work with the Quebec Ministry of the Environment, the municipality of Lac-Mégantic, and other government authorities in the continuing environmental remediation and cleanup as long as is necessary, and will do everything within its capacity to achieve completion of such goal," Burkhardt said.

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"We are joined in sorrow, a sorrow that will remain a part of me for the rest of my life."

Ed Burkhardt, chairman of the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway

Mobile apps don't help babies learn, group contends

Washington. Advocates ask U.S. regulators to examine claims made about educational value of wireless games for very young children

Smartphones don't make smart babies, an advocacy group declared Wednesday in a complaint to the U.S. government about mobile apps that claim to help babies learn.

The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, whose allegations against Baby Einstein videos eventually led to nationwide consumer refunds, is urging federal regulators to examine the marketing practices of Fisher-Price's Laugh & Learn mobile apps and Open Solutions' games, such as Baby Hear and Read and Baby First Puzzle.

The Boston-based group says developers are trying to dupe parents into thinking apps are more educational than entertaining.

It's the campaign's first complaint to the Federal Trade Commission against the mobile app industry as part of its broader push to hold businesses accountable for marketing claims about their technology to very young children and their parents.

"The research shows that machines and screen media are a really ineffective way of teaching a baby language," said Susan Linn, the group's director. "What babies need for healthy brain development is active play, hands-on creative play and face-to-face (interaction)."

The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages any electronic "screen time" for infants and toddlers under two, while older children should be limited to one to two hours a day. It cites one study that found infant videos can delay language development, and warns that no studies have documented a benefit of early viewing.

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"Everything we know about brain research and child development points away from using screens to educate babies."

Susan Linn, director of Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood

Hong Kong haul points to surge in poaching

Hong Kong customs officials have seized a shipment of 1,120 ivory tusks, 13 rhino horns and five leopard skins worth about $5.5 million, according to Vincent Wong, customs' head of ports and maritime command. They were found in a container full of wood that originated in Nigeria, he said. Wildlife activists say China's growing presence in Africa is to blame for an unprecedented surge in poaching of elephants for their tusks, most of which are believed to be smuggled into China and Thailand to make ivory ornaments. Ivory can fetch up to $2,000 per kilogram on the black market and more than $50,000 for an entire tusk. No one has been arrested in the case. LAM YIK FEI/GETTY IMAGES

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Your car could spy on your driving

Cars are already connected with automated parallel parking and Internet-based entertainment, and now technology can track driving habits like hard braking that could affect a driver's insurance rates. A wireless device measures distance travelled annually, frequency of hard braking and acceleration, as well as time of day the vehicle is used, to determine savings on insurance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Television

CRTC to rule on designation for Sun News Network

Sun News Network finds out Thursday if it will get a coveted guaranteed spot on the television dial. The Quebecor-owned network is seeking mandatory carriage from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, meaning cable and satellite providers would have to include the channel as part of basic TV packages.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Personal finance

Few Canadians have emergency funds, poll finds

Fewer than 20 per cent of Canadians appear financially prepared to deal with an emergency, according to a poll done for the Bank of Montreal. In its annual Rainy Day survey, 17 per cent of respondents say they have less than $1,000 in savings to draw upon in the event of an emergency. Another 20 per cent have up to $5,000.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Free work. MLB should have paid volunteers, suit argues

A young fan poses with gear he collected at Major League Baseball's All-Star FanFest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A lawsuit filed in New York says Major League Baseball staffed a profitable 2013 All-Star FanFest last month almost entirely with more than 2,000 unpaid volunteers.

The federal lawsuit was filed Wednesday in Manhattan. It seeks unpaid wages and an order to stop the league from soliciting and accepting work from unpaid volunteers.

The lawsuit says recruiting volunteers violates federal and state minimum wage laws. Lawyers brought the lawsuit on behalf of a Queens man who volunteered for five days at the event. They said they will seek class-action status.

They noted that the league has already invited this year's volunteers to work for free at the 2014 All-Star Game in Minneapolis.

Matt Bourne, an MLB spokesman, says the league doesn't comment on pending litigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SLEEPING ON THE KEYBOARD

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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One of the most important things to know about working the night shift is that it sometiah;a; ajioa mpfffff ghamha zjzzehzwez zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.

Oops, sorry about that. Fell asleep with my nose on the 'z' key.

This may come as a surprise to readers who assume this column pays for my luxurious lifestyle of never cooking my own meals, but to make ends meet I work several freelance writing jobs including the occasional night rotation at a news organization.

I'm in the midst of a three-week stretch working overnight, partially because I seem to be the only person who can tolerate the shift.

But working overnight has many perks, I believe.

I get exercise through a vigorous regime of repeatedly falling half-asleep and jerking awake. I earn friendships at work from co-workers who are glad they're not me. And there's a special thrill knowing I could bring down the company with a few unsupervised "mistakes."

So if you find yourself in similar work circumstances, don't despair. There are a number of tips I follow to make nights more tolerable, and by sharing them I hope to keep you in the dark, too.

Working on your night moves: a guide to the late shift

- Make your eight-hour shift more manageable by breaking it into eight one-hour naps.
- Remember that with your bosses absent, you are empowered to make yourself Supreme Ruler and Grand Protector of the Realm of Worklandia, and that a mop and bucket make a nifty sword and helm.
- You can learn a lot about human nature on the night shift. Check the Facebook chat box at 3 a.m. to see which of your friends are most haunted by their empty lives.
- Listen to Losing My Religion on repeat to promote R.E.M. sleep.
- During the day, occasionally throw your window open to the bustling street below and yell, "Some of us are tryyyying to sleep!"
- The night shift can be a much-needed escape from a stressful home life. So if your family life is good, change that.
- Your body will listen to the sleep signals you give it, so adjust your circadian rhythms by staying awake for 96 hours straight.
- Make your body think it's the height of day with a Seasonal Affective Disorder Lamp, some loud music, a two-four of Molson Canadian, and 10 of your closest friends.
- If co-workers arriving in the morning criticize the work you did while they were asleep in their soft beds, injuring them is completely acceptable, and in fact recommended.
- Use heavy curtains during the day so that you can live with the illusion you live in total darkness, which will make it easier to just give up.

And those are my tips. I hope you found them enlightening.

If my advice doesn't work and you still feel like the walking dead, console yourself with the knowledge that one way to deal with the zombie apocalypse is to become a zombie. Eeeeeeeeeeeeeee. Sorry. Nose on the 'e' key.

ZOOM

It's a goat thing they feed us for this

WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Landscapers are worth chewing over

Eco-Goats begin the process of clearing land adjacent to the historic Congressional Cemetery on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Dozens of goats will be used to clear a two-acre plot covered with vines, poison ivy and ground cover adjacent to the cemetery where former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, photographer Mathew Brady and former vice-president Elbridge Gerry are buried.

Goats are being deployed for the task to prevent toxic weed-killing chemicals from being used so close to the nearby Anacostia River.

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Their contract

6 days

The goats that have been "hired" for the landscaping gig will work 24-hour shifts for six days. The Washington Post noted that Congress is currently not in session, but that the goats may "be more productive than Congress" has been. The cemetery is open from dawn to dusk but cars aren't welcome.

Their employer

- The business, called Eco-Goats, is based in Maryland. Owner Brian Knox says he got into the business by mistake, as a friend was trying to get rid of some goats. He soon realized how sustainable the method was.

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Look out, Spanish and Mandarin, there's a new language in town. Computer code is no longer the domain of the suspender-wearing, glasses-sporting computer-science geeks — coding is now cool. From programs like Code for Kids to Ladies Learning Code, computer language has gone mainstream. Getting down with code can put a strain on your wallet — but it doesn't have to with these free online courses.

Codecademy
Learn JavaScript, Ruby, Python, etc., online, for free, at your own pace.

Treehouse
Using online videos, you can learn code, web design, etc., then practise what you've learned with quizzes.

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Comments

RE: WpgParkingFail Shames Winnipeg's Poor Parkers, published online Aug. 5

Kudos to the crew that saw this nugget of news from concept to execution. Mysterious creator who shall remain anonymous? You're writing a story about a blog, not taking down Nixon with Watergate. Guy's name is Paul Overwater. There. Hooray for domain registration info being public. And yup, Facebook confirms. Get some standards, Metro. This is basic stuff and you know it.
Richard Curly posted to metronews.ca

Twitter

@metropicks asked: WPGParkingFail.com shames 'Peggers for their parking skills, or lack thereof. What driver/cyclist/pedestrian offence do you think needs shaming?

@gaylebg: all the problems and this is the best you can come up with. Raspberries

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A world of Fringe possibilities

PotashCorp Fringe Theatre. Inspired by the Choose Your Own Adventure series, a new show aims to incorporate audience participation

BACKSTAGE PASS
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The cast of Money Don't Grow on Trees poses on stage at the Broadway Theatre where they will be performing throughout the Fringe Festival. SIMON HIATT

The program for the 2013 PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival lists 34 official shows on display in the Broadway area through this weekend. But with the presentation of Money Don't Grow on Trees, the total number of unique plays is actually pushed much higher.

"If you see our play multiple times you will see a different show every time," playwright Grahame Kent said.

The source of that variety stems from the play's central conceit — the audience chooses how the action will unfold with a number of plot points changing depending on their selections.

Kent, who wrote the play and stars as a man going to extreme lengths to pay off a debt to a bookie, was at least partially inspired by the Choose Your Own Adventure books that were ubiquitous in libraries in the '80s and '90s.

"I had this idea of writing a bank heist play and had one scene in my mind where the characters burst on stage and they had been shot and you had to figure out who had ratted them out," Kent said. "And then I had an idea for a play where the audience can choose where it goes, and then I decided to mash them together."

The idea meant coming up with four different endings, all of which had to make sense within the context of the play and the twists and turns it makes along the way at the whim of the audience.

"The choices have to fit in organically and it's hard to write different sets without using the same words," Kent said. "We actually ran into some problems during rehearsal where two of the heist plans had similar wording, so we were getting confused and jumping back and forth between them so we had to rewrite both of them."

The actors have been challenged to keep all of the machinations of the script straight and likely none has had a steeper learning curve than Lauren Younghusband.

She plays Terry, a character who is assigned one of three genders by the audience.

"I need to know how to run the play three different ways as well as memorize four different endings," Younghusband said.

"It gets complicated, but it's really good for me as an actor."

While the members of Neverending Highway Productions didn't take the easy road when it came to their play, they do have one advantage over many of their Fringe colleagues — home field.

The cast and crew are all based out of Saskatoon, which means they don't have to live the vagabond lifestyle that is common on the festival circuit.

And although that has meant being able to rely on friends and family members to help pack the Broadway Theatre, the response has been strong, even from those attendees who are strangers, when it comes time to vote on the characters' decisions.

"We actually have people yelling at us for the voting and we didn't expect that big of a reaction, but it's great. It gives us more energy on stage, so I love it," Younghusband said.

Series

The Choose Your Own Adventure series of books that helped inspire Money Don't Grow on Trees was created in the 1970's by Edward Packard.

- **Readers.** The stories gave readers the opportunity to make choices along the way and directed them to turn to different pages, leading to positive or negative situations for the character. The series was wildly popular, selling more than 250 million copies between 1979 and 1998.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Sylvester Stallone ALL IMAGES GETTY

‘Greedy and lazy’ Willis expendable to Sly as star launches Twitter attack

Sylvester Stallone doesn’t like to hold back when it comes to Twitter. He couldn’t resist taking a shot at Bruce Willis after announcing the Die Hard star had bowed out of the upcoming Expendables 3 despite appearing in the first two films. Shortly after announcing that Willis is out and Harrison Ford is in, Stallone posted a not-so-subtle, “Greedy and lazy. A sure formula for career failure.” Stallone’s reps confirmed to the Huffington Post that the words were meant as a reference to Willis.

The Word

Turns out Lindsay Khan really get on your nerves

Lindsay Lohan may be looking responsible and mature post-rehab, but while serving her 90-day stint at Cliffside Malibu she reportedly got under the skin of fellow patient Chaka Khan, according to Radar Online. “Lindsay just pushed all of her buttons to the point where she was aggravated and tired of Lindsay’s s—,” a source who was receiving treatment at the same time says. “Lindsay was just doing stupid stuff for attention, so Chaka told her she was childish and told her to grow up. Chaka was so annoyed with Lindsay. It got so bad that she refused to get in the same car with her or go to the same meetings. So Cliffside had to change everything up schedule-wise so the two were never together.” Not only that, but the soul singer even checked out of rehab early just to avoid Lohan: “Chaka told me she was leaving early because she couldn’t stand Lindsay,” the source says

Mark Wahlberg

Wahlberg tells ‘naughty’ Bieber to clean up his act

Mark Wahlberg is no stranger to being a shirtless pop star with sagging pants, so he speaks with some authority when he gives advice to Justin Bieber — which is exactly what he did during a an interview recently. “Justin, are you listening? Don’t be so naughty, yeah?” Wahlberg said in a faux-British accent. “Be a nice boy, pull your trousers up, make your mum proud, yeah? Stop smoking all that weed, you little bastard.”

Dustin Hoffman

Hoffman out of woods for now after cancer scare

Dustin Hoffman recently underwent treatment for cancer that doctors were able to find early enough to “surgically cure” him, his reps tell People magazine. “Dustin is feeling great and is in good health,” his rep says, though she did not specify what type of cancer Hoffman had developed. The actor will continue preventative treatment to reduce the risk of the cancer returning.

Twitter

@Sethrogen
People seem more interested in the news that Harrison Ford has been cast in a movie than they are the actual movies he’s in.

@markduplass
We don’t need more scripts where the lead character gets fired & gets dumped in the 1st 5 minutes to justify their ensuing zany antics.

@pattonoswalt
Call your parents and apologize. Just, on general principles. For everything.

Watch where you're going

It's about time. The world's about to mix style with smart

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

The Dick Tracy-style voice command watches are here. Yes, it'll be okay to chat to your wrist in public, but hey, thanks to Bluetooth phones we can already hear street soliloquies, so it shouldn't be a big deal. The question is: are today's smartwatches techy enough for the mass market?

"Only 100 million smartwatches will be shipped by 2017, in comparison to 1.6 billion smartphones and 280 million tablets," predicts senior analyst Joshua Flood at market intelligence company ABI Research. However, current smartwatches are likely to have an appeal with so-called "iPhone fanatics," thanks to their email, text, social media (Facebook and Twitter) and phone message alerts.

In fact, the iPhone generation has provided a fashionable market opportunity for Sweden-based Mutewatch, a "retro and futuristic" timer as described by CEO Mai-Li Hammargren. To look at, it's incredibly '80s, with a touch of Knight Rider-style but the technology is suitably Noughties: it has no buttons, is activated with the flick of a wrist or a touch of the screen, and charged via USB (battery life three to four days).

Smartwatches are part of a growing wearable technology trend, with head-mounted device Google Glass slated to hit stores in the U.S. at the end of this year and Europe in early 2014. However, whereas Mutewatch is something of a silent revolution that in Hammargren's words "handles digital lifestyle," companies such as i'm Watch, Martian and Pebble are hoping to get wearers wired up to social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, for a more immersive experience.

But why are technology giants entering into an always-risky new market? Flood explains, "A smartwatch that can sync with your smartphone is a great way for brands like Apple and Samsung to build on their foundation of tablets and phones." He adds: "It's an ideal device from the component side too because they already have the necessary partners and contracts in place to produce a smartwatch — it's simple in terms of ecosystem and software."

What's on the market?

The classic watchmakers

Casio G-Shock GB-6900AA links to iPhone 4s and 5. The device notifies the wearer of calls and emails and has a "phone finder" function.
$180, casio.com

The classic watchmakers

Citizen Eco-Drive Proximity AT7030-05E syncs with an iPhone 4S or 5. The watch vibrates with calls, emails and events on download of a free proximity app.
$495, citizenwatch.com

Technology drivers

Martian G2G offers iOS and Android compatibility. The timepiece has inbuilt voice command via Siri or Google Voice for smartphones and includes social media updates and posting. $249, martianwatches.com

The technology drivers

I'm Watch can receive calls, emails and even manage events and appointments, with the added bonus of enabling the user to download and listen to music.
$299, imsmart.com

News. Apple eyes the style experts

The ties between fashion and technology are drawing tighter as Apple appoints YSL Group's former chief executive Paul Deneve. "He'll (Deneve) be working on special projects as a vice-president reporting directly to (CEO) Tim Cook," announced Apple.

Deneve is the latest recruit from the fashion world to join the Californian-based company, with J.Crew's CEO and chairman Mickey Drexler on Apple's board, while Cook is a director at Nike Inc. **RICHARD PECKETT**

One-minute miracle

Moroccanoil Body Buff, $42, moroccanoil.com

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Ashley Kowalewski, The Kit.ca

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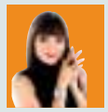

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Emma

Marketing Director

Age: 27

What she's wearing

Ripe floral dress from Winners, Steve Madden sandals, Anon sunglasses, vintage necklace.

Her inspiration

"I get inspiration from other people's style, street style!

And from my friends. I also check out fashion blogs like High Snobiety and Bloomberg Weekly. "

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Add fashion to your floors

With fall only a few weeks away it's time to think about warming up your feet — while adding style to your rooms, of course. Let's take a walk through the house and see what rug style the e-tailers are offering up this fall.

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Bedroom

No need for a large rug to go under the bed; measure the remaining floor space after the bed is in place, then choose a rug size to cover the remaining floor. Add some old world charm to your hardwood with a farmhouse style poly/cotton braided rag rug.

Pandoro Dusty Shale Oval, five by eight inches, $230, homesav.com

Living room

If you have solid-coloured, plain- patterned living room furnishings then choose a rug that has pattern. Remember that the front feet of all furnishings must be sitting on the rug; if they are not then the rug is too small for the space. Large-scale gingham pattern uses all the trendy colours.

Stockholm Checkered Reversible Wool Rug eight by 11.5 inches, ikea.ca

Dining room

Since the table and chairs will sit in the centre of the rug; keep the edges lively with colour rather than the centre. Rule of thumb is that border-designed rugs work better in dining rooms. Surround the table and chairs with an artful border that is reminiscent of an Art Nouveu landscape painting.

Mohawk's Stain-resistant nylon Strata Valence eight by 10 inches, $300, homedepot.ca

Kitchen

Standing and cooking for long periods of time is made bearable with a rug filled with non-toxic gel.

Wicker textured Oyster Grey Gel filled mat, 20 by 48 inches, $160, gelpro.com

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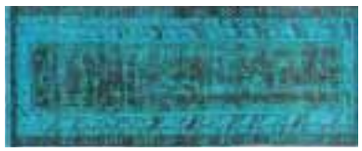
Foyer

Keep the look of a foyer rug "busy" or worn to help hide high-traffic wear, and use colour as a decor statement to compliment what you have throughout the house. Vintage over-dyed rugs are saturated with colour for old-world style with a contemporary vibe.

Three-by-nine Colour Transitions Vintage Wool Sumak Rug, $380, ecarpetgallery.com



Bathroom

I like themed bath mats; that way I don't confuse them for a towel! This cozy cotton lamb lies patiently for your wet feet.

Small Sheep Bath Mat, two by three inches, $20, simons.ca

Outdoors

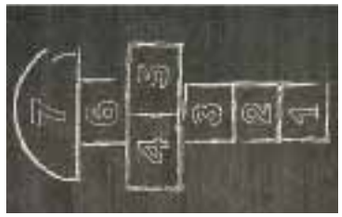
Wake up the great outdoors with crisp blue and white underfoot. Also great to use in play and sunrooms indoors.

Fab Habitat Athens Outdoor Rug, six by nine inches, $215, amazon.ca

Kids

Durable enough to play on yet comfortable enough for nap time on the floor. Could be fun in the foyer too. Cement-coloured fun mimics chalk on the road.

Hopscotch Rug, four by six inches Wool, $230, cb2.com



Pop goes the ice – in your mouth

Andrew Chase was one of the most popular guys in his neighbourhood last year while developing recipes for his cookbook, 200 Best Ice Pop Recipes.

Creating the recipes for the book turned out to be a lot of fun, said the food writer and former chef. "It exploded. I realized how much fun it is and how many different things you can do with all the fruit and all the coffee and the tea and the chocolate and the cocktails."

These Fudge Ice Pops, for example, are rich and chocolate-fudgy — and definitely a step up from the commercial treat. But they still retain the youthful spirit of a fun indulgence.

Ingredients

- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tapioca flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 60 g (2 oz) semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) sweetened condensed milk
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) vanilla extract

Tomorrow's Paper

Need a fresh way to chill out this summer? We got you covered with easy ideas for delicious do-it-yourself ice cream flurries.

Tapioca flour is often called tapioca starch. They are identical products.

1. In a saucepan, whisk milk and tapioca flour, then whisk in cocoa. Whisking constantly, bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in chocolate until melted, incorporated and smooth. Stir in condensed milk and vanilla. Set aside to cool.

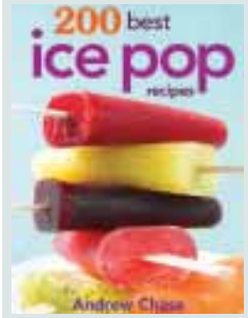
2. Pour into moulds and freeze until slushy, then insert sticks and freeze until solid, at least 4 hours. If you are using an ice pop kit, follow manufacturer's instructions. **RECIPES ON THIS PAGE: 200 BEST ICE POP RECIPES BY ANDREW CHASE (ROBERT ROSE INC., ROBERTROSE.CA, 2013)/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Fudge Ice Pops

This recipe makes about 750 ml (3 cups), nine to 12 ice pops. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Cookbook of the Week

Cool it right down



One of the easiest frozen treats you can make at home is an ice pop and Andrew Chase's 200 Best Ice Pop Recipes allows you to expand your repertoire.

All recipes eliminate artificial flavourings and colourings and are actually full of healthy ingredients. But these aren't just your typical ice pops because included are flavours from Mexico, Asia and the Caribbean. Among the ice pops in the book are Citrus Fruit, Asian Ice Pops, Coffee and Tea, Adult Pops (with alcohol) and more. **METRO**

That's amore! Italian meringue makes appearance in treat

This recipe makes about eight to 10 ice pops. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Italian meringue is a cooked meringue with a thick, silky texture. It is often used as a base for European-style sorbets, but here it is used in sweet and smooth ice pops.

You can replace the frozen raspberries with 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) fresh berries. Place in a saucepan over medium heat with 30 ml (2 tbsp) water and 15 ml (1 tbsp) granulated sugar. Cook until berries are soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Set aside to cool.

1. In a large bowl, using electric mixer at high speed, beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff but not dry. Set aside.

2. In a small saucepan over high heat, cook sugar and water until it reaches the large-ball (hard-ball) stage: 121 to 124 C (250 to 255 F) on a candy thermometer or when it forms a hard ball when a little is dropped from a spoon into cold water. Beating constantly, pour syrup in a thin stream into reserved egg whites. Beat at low speed until meringue is cool, 2 to 3 minutes. Set aside.

3. Place sieve over a large measuring cup and strain raspberries, pressing down and scraping solids with a rubber spatula to extract as much pulp and juice as possible. Discard solids. Fold in meringue until thoroughly combined.

4. Pour into moulds and freeze until slushy, then insert sticks and freeze until solid, at least 4 hours. If you are using an ice pop kit, follow manufacturer's instructions.

Ingredients

- 2 egg whites
- Pinch cream of tartar
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) granulated sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 500 ml (2 cups) thawed frozen raspberries

Snack. Margarita Ice Pops

1. In saucepan, combine water, sugar, lime zest and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes. Pour into a measuring cup and set aside to cool. Discard lime zest. Stir in lime juice, tequila and liqueur.

2. Pour the mixture into moulds and freeze until slushy, then insert sticks and freeze until solid, at least 4 hours or preferably overnight. If you are using an ice pop kit, follow manufacturer's instructions.

Ingredients

- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) water
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 2 strips (each 1 by 5 cm/1/2 by 2 inches) lime zest
- Pinch salt
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) gold or white tequila
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) orange liqueur (such as Cointreau or Triple Sec)

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No two neighbourhoods in Canada are exactly alike. The identities and qualities that draw us to a neighbourhood are based on its residents, its common spaces and, more often than not, the small businesses with which they populate.

There are more than one million small businesses across the country and their role in shaping the identities and atmospheres of our communities is a crucial one. Their prosperity has implications on employment creation, on dollars kept close to home, on support for local causes or initiatives, and on a neighbourhood's ability to continue to attract commercial and residential investment.

Technology has changed how we as shoppers locate information and has consequently increased competition levels for small businesses. From a consumer standpoint, it has made the world a smaller place, with a purchase as easily made across an ocean as across the street.

Yet, often overlooked in favour of pricing and convenience is our individual ability to directly influence the growth of the areas where we live, work and play through our choices in where we spend our hard-earned dollars.

Among the effects of shopping at local businesses:

• Local businesses create jobs: Small businesses are the largest group of employers in Canada. The more local jobs that are created, the more the neighbourhood grows.

• Better relationships: One of the main attributes of local businesses is their often exceptional customer service. Customer relationships where a business owner knows you by name and knows your likes and dislikes still exist in local enterprises, making your shopping experience a memorable one.

• Decision-making power stays local: Local ownership means that business operation and activities that may affect the community are made locally.

• Local businesses keep dollars close to home: Dollars spent within the neighbourhood directly benefit the local economy and tend to be reinvested within the community in the form of local employment or the contracting of locally-based supplies and services.

As residents and consumers, we all play a role in the survival of Canada's small businesses. A single purchase at a local retailer or service provider helps preserve the aspects of our neighbourhoods, which make them unique. A simple sale that might be a drop in the bucket for a large retailer can often help a small business stay open and continue to grow.

So when buying that next item on your list, put your neighbourhood first.

– François Ramsay, senior vice-president with Yellow Pages Group

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Robert Mann knows the transportation business. He really knows it.

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Saskatoon Motor Products aims to provide the automotive buyer with everything they might require, from new or pre-owned vehicles, to parts and accessories, service, and autobody repairs. Whenever possible, the company purchases its materials locally.

"I prefer to buy locally to support our local business environment," Mann says. "It enables a strong workforce throughout the city and province. And, in turn, these people buy from me."

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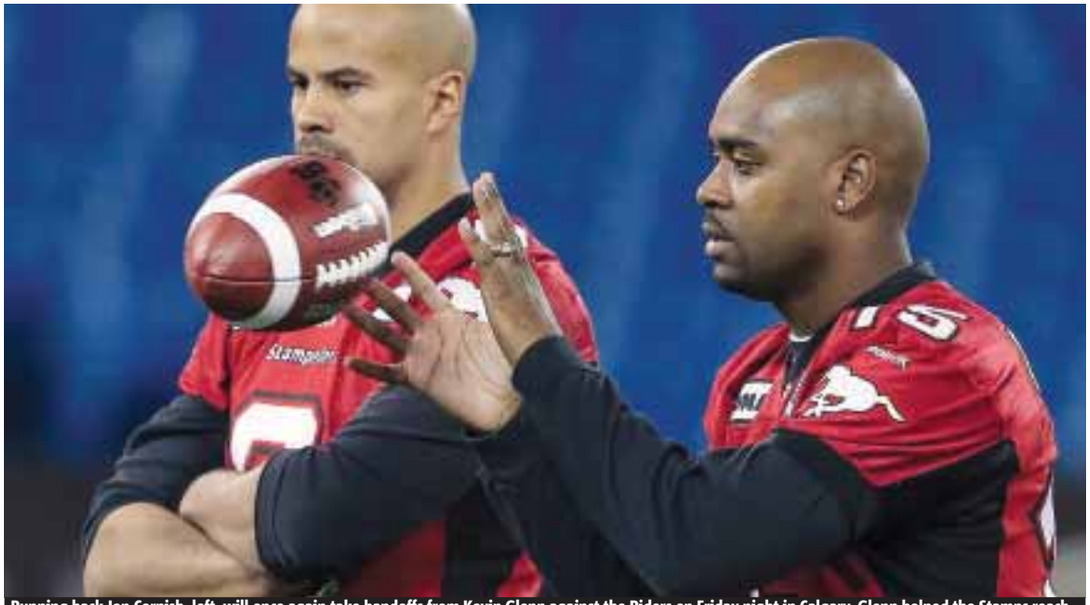


Running back Jon Cornish, left, will once again take handoffs from Kevin Glenn against the Riders on Friday night in Calgary. Glenn helped the Stamps reach the 2012 Grey Cup after starter Drew Tate was injured in the playoffs. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Glenn gets chance to Stamp out 5-0 Riders

CFL. Calgary turns to veteran backup for battle of West's best

The Calgary Stampeders' quarterback carousel has turned again, stopping on Kevin Glenn as starter for Friday's game against the undefeated Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Stamps (4-1) emerged from their bye week with the expectation Drew Tate had overcome a strained right forearm that sidelined him for two games.

McMahon advantage?

"This is a team that nobody has been able to beat so far and they're coming into our house and we have a very good opportunity to beat them."

Stampeders QB Kevin Glenn, on Friday's matchup with the Roughriders.

But Tate's arm flared up again after practice this week. Glenn will start against the Riders (5-0) with Bo Levi Mitchell his backup in Calgary.

Tate left in the fourth quarter of a 36-21 road loss to Saskatchewan on July 6. He was subsequently diagnosed with a strained forearm muscle and hasn't played since, although his latest setback has been called an elbow injury.

"He'll probably be not throwing for five, six, seven days," Calgary head coach/GM John Hufnagel said Wednesday. "It depends on how it responds to injections."

Tate's string of injuries extends back to the second game of last season when he separated his shoulder. He returned later in the year but broke a bone in his arm in a playoff game.

The 28-year-old Texan hasn't been able to get a sustained run of starts since Hufnagel declared him the starter prior to last season.

Glenn, 34, did admirable work to get Calgary to last season's Grey Cup game. But the emergence of Mitchell this year has further crowded the quarterback situation.

Glenn had four touchdown passes in a 41-38 win and another two in a 17-10 victory against Saskatchewan last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Lions, Ticats lap up weekly awards

Quarterback Travis Lulay, who had three TD passes to lead the B.C. Lions to a 27-20 win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, was named the CFL's offensive player of the week Wednesday.

Lulay finished 28-of-39 passing for 268 yards versus the Bombers. His B.C. teammate Solomon Elimimian captured defensive player honours.

Hamilton's Luca Congi picked up special-teams honours with three field goals and three converts in the Ticats' win over Edmonton. Ticat Sam Giguere was outstanding Canadian with six catches for 90 yards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Blue Jays fall apart in 5th in Seattle

Humberto Quintero's two-run homer highlighted a six-run fifth inning, and the Seattle Mariners rallied for a 9-7 victory over Toronto on Wednesday to spoil the return of Blue Jays left-hander J.A. Happ.

It was Happ's first start since May 7, when he suffered a skull fracture and sprained knee after being hit by a line drive in Tampa Bay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto pitcher J.A. Happ GETTY IMAGES

Raonic, Pospisil keep Canadian hopes alive

Vernon, B.C.'s Vasek Pospisil topped Radek Stepanek on Wednesday at the Rogers Cup in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Milos Raonic had his big serve booming and Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal made successful returns to the court Wednesday at the men's Rogers Cup in Montreal.

Drawing on home country support, the 11th-seeded Raonic downed Mikhail Youzny 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the third round.

It marks the first time since the French Open that the Thornhill, Ont., product has put together back-to-back wins. Raonic began the year with a 17-6 record, including a tournament win in San Jose, but his win over Youzny left him at 7-7 since May.

Vasek Pospisil of Vernon, B.C., posted a 6-2, 6-4 second-round victory over Radek Stepanek to put two Canadians into the round of 16.

But Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., Vancouver's Filip Peliwo and Ottawa's Jesse Levine all lost their matches.

Murray, in his first action since victory at Wimbledon last month, shook off some rust and battled a swirling wind to down Marcel Granollers 6-4, 7-6 (2) on centre court.

Murray won his 13th straight match, including his victories at London and Wimbledon, where he became the first men's champion from Britain in 77 years.

Two-time Rogers Cup champion Nadal was also back on court for the first time since Wimbledon, where he lost in the first round. The Spaniard, who arrived a week early to work on his hardcourt game, made short work of Levine in a 6-2, 6-0 win. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In Toronto

- Marion Bartoli returned from a hamstring injury that had sidelined her since a Wimbledon win to beat Lauren Davis 6-0, 6-3 Wednesday in the second round of the Rogers Cup.
- Fourth-seeded Li Na of China also advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Astound people with your knowledge. Tell them how the world works. You may have no idea what you're saying but you speak with such conviction that few disbelieve you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to reveal a secret today but think carefully before you do. If you are going to divulge something that might be shocking, make sure you choose the right place and the right moment.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Whatever experts may tell you today, your intuition will tell you something different. It is your intuition you must listen to. It may put you at odds with the majority but that's good.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone needs help but is too embarrassed to ask for it. You know what the problem is and you know how to fix it, so do what you can to improve their situation. They'll love you for it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You'll do something out of the ordinary today just to see how others react. Make sure you leave a bit of space between you as they may respond in ways you had not considered, which could be painful.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The secret to life is to not take it too seriously. That is the message of the stars for you today. Be ambitious, but don't make material success central to your existence. It's how you love that counts.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Friends and loved ones are likely to annoy you today, simply because they cannot make up their minds about anything. If you complain, they will find it amusing. After all, it's usually you who is indecisive.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The sooner you start on a project, the sooner it will be finished. So, stop making excuses and get on with it. Even if you take only one step forward today at least you are moving in the right direction.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Ideas will come to you out of the blue and with remarkable clarity today, and at least one of them has the potential to transform your life. It's not just about ideas. You've got to act.

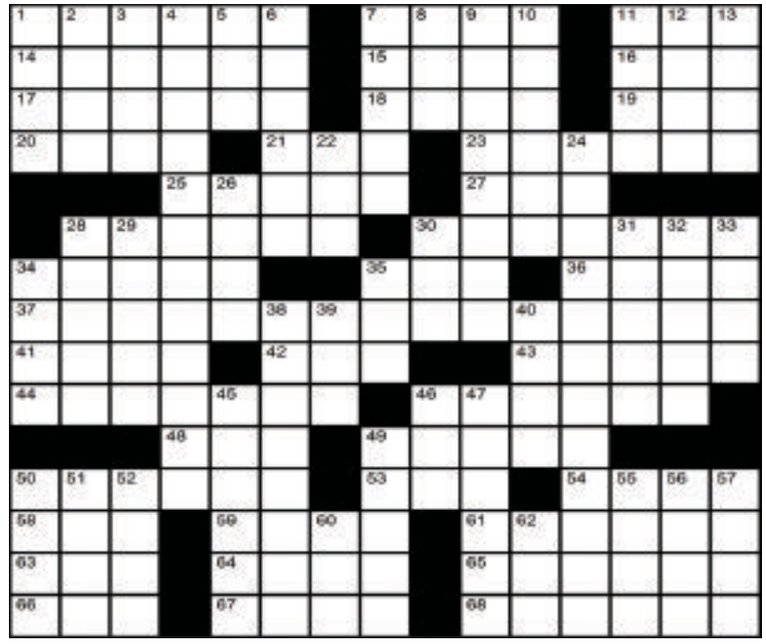
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Act on the assumption that whatever you are told today is only half the story. It's unlikely that anyone is lying deliberately but chances are they don't know the full story, so how can they reliably inform you?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't waste time on trivial things, or trivial people. Think about what is really important, and think about how you can make the world a better place.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You are entitled to your opinions and to express them. Don't let anyone silence you today. The more they try, the more likely it is your opinions are hitting the right spot. Keep hitting it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

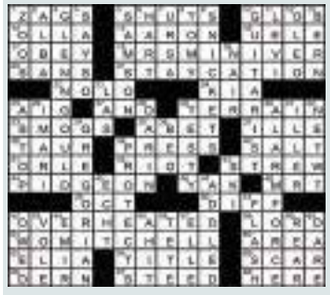
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Type of computer printer
7. French film
11. Blue Rodeo hit
14. One of Montreal's Concordia University's campuses
15. Dupery
16. Pronoun
17. Basketball great, __ Abdul-Jabbar
18. Commedia dell'__
19. Standard
20. Single-horse carriage
21. Celeb photographer
23. Bring†in from beyond
25. Picture files on PCs
27. __-locka, Florida
28. Rock: French
30. Horns of nature
34. "__ bleu!" (Golly!)
35. Camel hair garment
36. H.G. Wells people
37. Period of social change in Quebec in the 1960s: 2 wds.
41. Falsehood
42. That, in Tijuana
43. Tend the fire
44. This evening
46. Baseball team: acr. + wd.
48. Ginger drink
49. Picnic blanket's one-of-some
50. Vancouver-born actor Mr. Jackson
53. 'Motor' suffix
54. Yep's opposite
58. Commonly, in verse
59. Snare
61. Reached home plate, this way: 2 wds.
63. Charlemagne's li'l domain
64. 'Conval' suffix (Recuperate)
65. Nature/beach/recreation spot on Vancouver Island
66. '60/'70s war zone, informally
67. Want
68. Cold __ (Singer/songwriter from Etobicoke, ON)
24. Painter-at-the-easel's tool: 2 wds.
26. __-a-porter (Ready-to-wear)
28. Brazil's Sao __
29. 'Mort' suffix (Funeral parlor gig)
30. Blood-typing letters
31. Poet T.S.
32. Chess pieces
33. __ qua non (Essential factor)
34. Floor plan measuring unit, __. __.
35. Ms. Gardner
38. Practice for the play
39. Founded, for short
40. "Gomer Pyle, _._._._."
45. __-free bread
46. Calgary Flames org.
47. Bakery supplies
49. Made do
50. Saint __, New Brunswick
51. Canadian cellist Ms. Harnoy
52. Plant part
55. Relating to lyric poetry
56. "Get the Party Started" singer
57. Rock producer Brian's
60. Toronto Blue Jays mascot
62. Sever

Down
1. Types
2. Biblical mariner
3. Ms. Sedgwick of acting
4. Iconic 'Degrassi' character played by Pat Mastroianni: 2 wds.
5. 'Client' completer
6. Meddle
7. Cowboy coverings
8. 'Super' suffix
9. CBC News program, "The __"
10. Let off
11. Spelling misssstake
12. Bellylaugh!
13. Portable dwelling of Mongolia
22. 27, for one

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		4	7			8	2	
5						7		1
	8			6				9
	2				5	1		
			3		1			
		1	2				6	
7				9			1	
9		5						4
	3	6			7	2		

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	1	5	6	8	2	4	7	9
7	6	4	9	3	1	2	8	5
2	9	8	5	4	7	1	3	6
4	8	7	1	5	6	9	2	3
9	5	3	2	7	4	6	1	8
1	2	6	3	9	8	7	5	4
6	7	9	8	2	5	3	4	1
5	4	1	7	6	3	8	9	2
8	3	2	4	1	9	5	6	7

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